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Prince George's County Fair!

September 6–9, 2018

Maryland's longest running fair, the Prince George's County Fair showcases the best of our local community, from agriculture competitions and showcases, to midway rides and live entertainment, to vendors and (of course) food! The Fair has something for everyone young and old to enjoy. For more information, visit the fair website at <http://www.countyfair.org/>.

2018 Fair Schedule: September 6–9, 2018, The Show Place Arena, Upper Marlboro

Days/Hours: Thursday & Friday: 5 p.m.–10 p.m. • Saturday: 11 a.m.–10 p.m. • Sunday: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

Cost: Adults and Children ages 6 and above: \$6 • Seniors (55+) and Children age 5 and under: \$5, Thursday: FREE for Seniors (55+); Sunday: FREE for Military Personnel and immediate family members.

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NBC4 Invites Residents and Students to Highlight Fatherhood in Prince George's County

Come to Marlton Golf Club on September 4

By MEL FRANKLIN
County Councilman, Prince George's County

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—(August 23, 2018) Join NBC4 (NBC Washington) in Prince George's County on Tuesday, September 4, between 6 a.m.–7 a.m. on your way to the first day of school at the Marlton Golf Club, 9413 Midland Turn, Upper Marlboro, MD. (If you arrive by 5:30 a.m., you will be interviewed for the first 6 a.m. segment.) NBC4 Reporter Molette Green will be reporting a "Live in the Community" segment highlighting parents, especially fathers, walking their children to school on the first day of the 2018–19 public school year and pledging to support their kids academically during the school year. NBC4 will be providing light refreshments (donuts, coffee, etc.). Marlton Golf Club is one of the nation's few African-American owned golf courses.

Please drop by with your kids for a few minutes for this live television segment and help us highlight fatherhood in Prince George's County on Tuesday, September 4 at Marlton Golf Club before school. If you can't drop by, please watch the broadcast from 6 a.m.–7 a.m. on NBC4.

RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/nbc4-live-in-the-community> for NBC4's Live Segment on Tuesday, September 4.

Take the Fatherhood Academic Pledge at <https://tinyurl.com/2018-19-fatherhoodpledge>. Pledge to: participate in parent-teacher conferences for the child; assist with daily homework and other academic projects; attend PTO meetings, back to school nights, and men make a difference day events; encourage and require positive student behavior for the child; be a positive example of fatherhood for our children and our nation. (Our goal is to have at least 1000 Prince George's County fathers and father-figures sign this pledge during the 2018–19 school year).

School starts in Prince George's County on Tuesday, **September 4, 2018**. Dads, uncles, brothers and concerned men—join us and walk a kid into their first day of class.

Our goal is to get 1,000 men to participate. Share and pledge today!

Speed Cameras in Capital Beltway Work Zones Have Proven Prolific and Profitable; Drivers Are Finally Getting the Message

Speed Cameras in I-495/Suitland Road Bridge Work Zone Issued 124,000 Tickets in First Year

By PRESS OFFICER
AAA Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Wednesday, August 15, 2018)—Speed cameras are posted in work zones along the Capital Beltway to make drivers "think twice" before speeding in the sprawling construction area. Yet during their first year of deployment, the work zone speed cameras still nabbed 341 motorists each day who didn't give a second thought to exceeding the speed limit by a margin of 12 miles per hour or more within the parameters and peripheries of the long-term road work project. All told, 124,477 motorists were ticketed as a result of getting caught red-handed while driving too fast in the Suitland Road Bridge work zone near the signature home base of Air Force One. Collectively, speedy scofflaws caught within the operational range of the I-95/I-495 speed camera units faced

\$4,979,080 in photo radar fines for the errors of their ways.

Maryland's work zone camera ticket revenues plummeted 44.5 percent in recent years. It is a sure sign motorists are getting the message about the consequences of speeding within work zones. In 2016, "six people lost their lives in work zone crashes in Maryland, including one highway worker," reports the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). Others suffered incapacitating injuries. Because the Maryland State Police cannot patrol all work zones, at all times, Maryland's SafeZones mobile enforcement vehicles armed with speed cameras are rotating work zones along northbound and southbound I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway) near the bridge over Suitland Road in Prince George's County. Work zone speed camera tickets in Maryland carry a \$40 fine. The photo citations do not involve points on a driver's record nor incur insurance penalties.

15 active work zone speed camera locations in Maryland. SafeZones ASE units have captured photographic proof of 495,222 motorists speeding in work zones with ongoing activity and slowed down more than a few. Those speedy drivers incurred \$19.9 million in work zone photo-radar ticket fines. The state of Maryland deploys "Automated Speed Enforcement" (ASE) mobile units in work zones to modify driver behavior or save the lives and limbs of highway workers and motorists, including yours." (See Table 1)

Typically, speed cameras flash "twice to measure how far, fast and furious vehicles travel between flashes." In the first six months of deployment, from July 2017 to December 2017, the Capital Beltway work zone speed cameras flashed repeatedly, capturing photos of 78,818 motorists in the very act of speeding. In the first phase of the ticketing motorists in the northward flow of traffic on I-95/I-495 were issued 50,152 speed camera tickets, while 28,666 speed camera tickets were meted out in the work zone on southbound I-95/I-495.

Not so fast. The tally of speed camera tickets, however, dropped significantly from January to July 2018 in the work zones at the top and bottom of the Capital Beltway. For example, the speed camera mobile unit emplaced along northbound Capital Beltway issued 27,949 speed camera tickets in the first seven months of 2018. This comprises a 44.2 percent

decrease in speeding motorists in the work zone. In July 2018 the north-facing speed camera mobile unit captured 1,321 motorists zooming well above the posted

Around 1,342,500 motorists on the receiving end of work zone speed camera tickets in Maryland forked over about \$54 million in fine revenue to the state's coffers from FY 2013 to FY 2016. Revenues dipped significantly from \$16.4 million in FY 2013, to about \$9.1 million in FY 2016, according to the Maryland General Assembly Department of Legislative Services. It rep-

	July–December 2017	January–July 2018	Total
NB I-495 at Suitland Rd Bridge, PG Co.	50,152	27,949	78,101
SB I-495 at Suitland Rd Bridge, PG Co.	28,666	17,710	46,376

Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	Total Revenues
\$16.4 million	\$14.9 million	\$13.3 million	\$9.1 million	\$53.7 million

speed limit by 12 mph or more. This represents its lowest output ever. Yet from July of 2017 through July 2018 the speed cameras issued 78,101 speed camera citations in the northward lanes of the Capital Beltway. The face value of those photo tickets totaled a whopping \$3,124,040. It's something transportation officials are loath to discuss.

The sum of speeders along the work zone on southbound I-495 declined by 38.2 percent from the previous six-month period. In July, the speed cameras aimed in that direction caught 810 speeders, the lowest output since July 2017, when the speed cameras captured 222 speeding motorists along the bridge construction project. All in all, the speed camera units posted in the southward direction issued a total of 46,376 speed camera citations from July to July. Cumulatively, the speed cameras here generated \$1,855,040 in traffic fines.

represents a decline of \$7.3 million in work zone camera revenue for the state's coffers in the period from FY 13 to FY 16, notes AAA Mid-Atlantic. (See Table 2)

Across Maryland, work zone camera "revenues have generally decreased as compliance has increased," explains the Department of Legislative Services. As proof, in fiscal 2015, Maryland collected about \$13.3 million in revenue from citations generated by its work zone speed control systems, "compared to \$14.9 million in fiscal 2014, and \$16.4 million in fiscal 2013," Legislative Services reports.

Remarkably, the amount of speeding vehicles in work zones has dropped "90 percent" in Maryland.

More importantly, the number of work zone fatalities has also declined significantly in Maryland since the im-

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Music and the Movement: The Lasting Legacy of the Queen of Soul

Her voice, sweeter than honey, became the soundtrack of a tumultuous time in American history when African Americans, women and other marginalized communities were fighting for equality and justice.

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Party Like An Animal At Zoo Bop!

Geared toward younger cubs, families can dance, sing and join in the live-performance ex-zoo-berance of Angelo and Marie's Fantastic Bubble Show, Baby Beats! with Max and Root, and 123 Andrés.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

What are the environmental benefits of so-called "seasteading" as opposed to building more housing and communities on land?

—Marge Weston, Camden, NJ

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TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Happy 75th, Joint Base Andrews!

The first U.S. Army troops arrived at Camp Springs Army Airfield on Dec. 14, 1942. Construction was completed in 1943 and the base dates its formal beginning to May 2, 1943—that's when the first Republic P-47 Thunderbolt fighter plane landed there. One day later, on May 3, 1943, Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commander of Army Air Force Operations in Europe, was killed in a plane crash during an inspection tour in Iceland. In 1945, the Camp Springs-Meadows Fighter Command Station was renamed Andrews Air Force Base in his honor.

Meadows, listed in the name of the base, was a small town swallowed up by Andrews as it developed. Chapel Two may be the last remnant of the Meadows community.

On Oct. 1, 2009, the base was renamed Joint Base Andrews.

Change of Command at District IV

Major Brian Reilly, commander of County Police District IV (where I live), has been transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID), effective August 19. Capt. Nickie Smith has taken command of District IV as Acting Major Nickie Smith. However, she's on maternity leave until early September. Another Acting Major is currently taking her place.

People

Aric Tegtmeier is the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department's July Member of the Month. He is a live-in and the Truck Sergeant at Morningside. In that role, he's responsible for assisting in the rehab of the Truck and daily leadership on the floor at the Fire House. In early July, Aric helped plan Live-in Recruitment Weekend, which successfully introduced five qualified candidates to the live-in program.

Jaden Stonework, of Clinton, graduated this spring from Gwynn Park High School and will go on to Howard County Community College on a basketball scholarship. He is the son of Kelli and Edward Stonework and the grandson of Col. Ralph and Daisy Young, formerly of Skyline.

Larry Thompson, who lived for years across the street from me, recently married Dorothy Belkoski. They make their home in Virginia.

The Pius X Council of the Knights of Columbus in Forestville has named Robert White the Knight of the Month for July and George Hoehl, Knight of the Month for August. Families of the Month are Robert & Cathye Weiler (July) and Gene & Beatrice Vines (August).

Sue Frederick, who has just moved with her family from Morgan Road in Morningside to Arkansas, emailed that not only did they take along her snakes, but also the dog and cat. I'll miss her.

Please say a prayer for former Skyline resident, Christopher Flaherty, who is seriously ill at Holy Cross Hospital. His mom Jill Kimmel sent me this request. Many years ago Christopher used to mow my lawn.

High School Reunions

Potomac Senior High (Oxon Hill) Class of 1968 has a 50th coming up Oct. 27. Email Joe Fitzgerald at nickelman2005@yahoo.com.

Northwestern High (Hyattsville) Class of 1968 celebrates 50 years Sept. 27-29. Contact Kathy Bryant, 301-906-4442 or kbryant20740@yahoo.com.

Crossland High (Camp Springs) Class of 1978 plans a 40th reunion at Camp Letts in Edgewater, south of Annapolis, on Sept. 23. Cost is \$55 now, \$65 later.

Peanut Butter Hill

My recent item about Haney's Corner jogged Rich Landon's mind and he sent this email: "A part of District Heights was named Washington Estates by the developer when it was first built. However, the homes were newer, much bigger and more expensive than other houses in District Heights. As one goes up the hill on Kipling Parkway, just down the street from the District Heights' municipal center, is what has been known as Peanut Butter Hill. It got that nickname since the new houses were so

big and expensive that both parents had to work to make the payments and it was joked that all they could afford to eat was peanut butter. Hence the name, Peanut Butter Hill."

Orthopedic Surgeon Frank Milone dies at 86

Francis Peter "Frank" Milone, M.D., Chief of Orthopedics at Southern Maryland Hospital, and a member of the Board of Trustees, died Aug. 16 in Easton. A graduate of Georgetown Medical School, he earned a fellowship in Orthopedic Surgery from the Mayo Clinic and was admitted to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery in 1965. He served in the Army as a military surgeon, moved to Maryland and joined Prince George's Orthopedic Associates, practiced at several hospitals before retiring in 1995 after 30 years of distinguished service.

He met Martha "Marti" Shinholser while serving his residency at Georgetown and they married July 26, 1958. He is survived by Marti, six children, two siblings and 14 grandchildren. He was a 4th Degree with the Knight of Columbus and active in Choices for Life Pregnancy Help & Resource Center in Easton. He was an active member of Holy Family and St. Mary's Piscataway parishes in Prince George's before Saints Peter & Paul Church in Easton, from which he was buried.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Christine Hoehl, Judy Busky, Earl Simms, Rebecca Capps and my great-granddaughter Mary Adela McHale, Sept. 1; Suzanne Kenney, Sept. 2; Andrelic Howard, Sept. 3; Loretta Carter, Sept. 4; Frank Howard, Justine Poe, Paul M. Locke, Harietta Boo Henson, my granddaughter Nina McHale and Dan Needham, Sept. 6.

Happy 100th Anniversary to the Women in the Marines, 1918 to 2018.

*Happy Labor Day
to all my Readers!*

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-888-2153

ALUMNI DAY

Pomkey High School Alumni Association held their Annual Alumni Day honoring the class of 1968 on Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. The event was held at Indian Head Pavilion, Village Green, 100 Walter Thomas Road, Indian Head, Maryland 20640.

It was a wonderful occasion to return, engage, connect, and discover. The program consisted of an opening prayer, lighting of Memorial candles, special recognitions, PHS Progress Report, honoring of Class 1968, roll call of classes 1924-1969, and recognized School Teachers. Membership Report, names of Scholarship Recipients, raffle and singing of the Alma Mater. Music provided by the Sounds of Leon.

Congratulations for 50 years, Class of 1968. The Alumni Day Planning Committee wishes to thank everyone for their support, participation, generosity, time, and talent in helping to make the Annual Alumni Day a great success. All proceeds will benefit restoration of the old Pomkey High School and Scholarship Fund.

HEALING HEARTS BEREAVEMENT CAMP

Clinton United Methodist Church presents Healing Hearts Bereavement Camp sponsored by the Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund. Our theme this year is "Stepping Stones of Hope". This is a special event to help aid the healing process of grief and loss.

Bereavement Counselors from Heartland Hospice will facilitate workshops. Experience the power of helping hands. Be encouraged with trained staff, stories of healing, therapeutic workshops. There will be a closing ceremony with Butterfly release.

The Camp will be held Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Clinton UM Church. The address is 10700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735. This event is FREE, but space is limited. Call and register today. Breakfast and lunch will be served. To register or obtain more information call Clinton United Methodist Church at 301-868-1281, or Heartland Hospice Bereavement Counselors Vicki Fearey or Sheila Holmes 240-264-1690.

CRAB FEAST

Join us Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. for an "ALL YOU CAN EAT" Crab Feast at St. Phillip's Church Hall. The address is 13801 Baden Westwood Road,

Brandywine, Maryland. Tickets cost \$55.00 in advance and \$65.00 at the door. Food will include Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Iced Tea, Soda. For information or tickets, please call Michele Chase 240-882-3369, Vivian Rich 804-301-9530, Shirley Cleaves 302-690-4260, or Ruby Hinnant 301-943-2816. Sponsored by: Pete A. Gross, Sr. Scholarship/Memorial Fund Inc.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Fifteen of Prince George's County Public Schools have received the National Blue-Ribbon Schools Program designation which recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Prince George's County Public High Schools have won 63 Boys Basketball, 37 Girls Basketball, and 24 Football State Titles. Achieving excellence. Eight of our schools have been named a Maryland Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education School.

BODY RECALL

Body Recall will be held at Clinton United Methodist Church every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room starting September 11, 2018. The church office number is 301-868-1281.

2018 GENERAL ELECTION

Early voting election is October 25, 2018 through November 1, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Important deadlines: Voter Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 9:00 p.m. Absentee Ballot Application Deadline: Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 8:00 p.m. (mail) or 11:59 p.m. (fax/email). For more information, contact the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or visit the website at: <http://elections.mypgc.us>, email: election@co.pg.md.us.

BLOOD DRIVE

Brandywine Lions Charities Foundation, Inc. upcoming blood drives will be October 4, 2018 and November 29, 2018 from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Baden Volunteer Fire Department. The address is 16608 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, Maryland.

Around the County

Prince George's County Council News

Council Continues Its Legislative Process to Adopt a New, 21st Century Zoning Ordinance

The legislative process to develop new and modern Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, and provide important tools to facilitate the implementation of the Plan Prince George's 2035 General Plan and other County policy goals resumes when the County Council reconvenes September 4th.

The new Zoning Ordinance aims to streamline procedures, reduce obstacles to achieving the economic development goals of the County, enhance utility and user-friendliness, encourage appropriate input into the development review process, consolidate and simplify zones and uses, and incentivize development at targeted growth locations.

Committee of the Whole work sessions will be scheduled in September to further the discussion and review amendments to proposed Zoning Ordinance Rewrite legislation before the bills are considered for introduction and scheduled for a final public hearing.

Please check the County Council Calendars and Agendas online at <https://pgccouncil.us/prior> to Council sessions scheduled for September

4th; September 11th; September 18th; and September 25th, for meeting details. Public comments on amendments to proposed zoning legislation reviewed in the Committee of Whole will be taken.

Council Adds New Bill to Proposed Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Legislative Package—Landscape Manual Revision

A new bill, CB-065-2018, has been added to the proposed Zoning Ordinance Rewrite legislative package. This bill seeks to revise the County's outdated Landscape Manual and incorporates modern and sustainable landscaping practices with a variety of approaches to ensure context-sensitive landscaping of urban, suburban, and rural areas; replaces two obsolete Sections with new Sections focused on building frontage landscaping standards and requirements for nonresidential and mixed-use development; and updates planting schedules to reflect current industry standards regarding appropriate native species. Please visit <https://pgccouncil.us/589/Zoning-Ordinance-Rewrite-Portal> to view the entire proposed legislative package, including the new Landscape Manual bill.

Spotlight on Local Students

Charles Herbert Flowers HS Student Completes New Air Force JROTC Flight Academy Program

By PRESS OFFICE
PG County Public Schools

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—(August 21, 2018) Nnamdi Olebara, a Charles Herbert Flowers High School senior, had a high-flying summer: He earned his private pilot license through a new Air Force initiative.

Olebara, an Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) cadet, was one of 120 cadets worldwide to participate in the Flight Academy Scholarship Program at Liberty University. The program is designed to address the national pilot shortage in both the military and civilian ranks, encourage high school students to pursue careers in aviation and increase diversity. Graduates of the program do not incur a military commitment.

More than 750 cadets applied to the program. Scholarships are valued at approximately \$20,000.

"Becoming a private pilot was the hardest thing I've done in my life so far," said Olebara, "but that didn't stop me. I had a mission. I knew if I got through this, I could get through anything in life."

The Flight Academy Scholarship Program is expected to grow to more than double by next summer and enroll 500 cadets by 2020. Plans are underway to open the program to Army, Navy, and Marine Junior ROTC programs as well as Civil Air Patrol cadets.

Hoyer Announces Grants to the College Park VFD

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) announced today that the College Park Volunteer Fire Department in College Park, Maryland has been awarded two grants totaling nearly \$500,000. One grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program will help fund a power lift system and EMS/rescue equipment, while the other grant awarded through the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program will be used to recruit more volunteers for the department.

"I'm proud to announce these significant grants for the College Park Volunteer Fire Department," said Congressman Hoyer. "These new funds will support the dedicated men and women of the College Park Volunteer Fire Department, who put their

The mission of AFJROTC is to develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community, while instilling values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and sense of accomplishment. There are more than 120,000 high school students enrolled in AFJROTC at over 880 high schools in the U.S. and overseas.

Furman University Spring 2018 Dean's List

GREENVILLE, S.C. (August 8, 2018)—Furman University announces Alexa Cripe, daughter of Irma Cripe and Max Cripe, of Bowie, was named to the dean's list for the 2018 spring semester. Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

Furman is a private, undergraduate liberal arts and sciences university of 2,800 students in Greenville, S.C. The university is noted for its rigorous academic program and strong faculty, and its 750-acre campus is widely recognized as one of the most beautiful in the nation. The university recently unveiled The Furman Advantage, a strategic plan that combines learning with immersive experiences outside the classroom, creating a personalized pathway that prepares students for lives of purpose, successful careers and community benefit.

lives on the line each day for their community. I'm pleased that these grants will be used to recruit new volunteers while also updating the tools our firefighters rely on to do their jobs. Our volunteer and career firefighters must have access to adequate resources to protect our communities, and I will continue to work to ensure each department in the Fifth District has the tools they need."

As co-chair of the Congressional Fire Caucus, Congressman Hoyer took a lead role in helping to establish the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program, and each year he leads a letter with Members of Congress to the Appropriations Committee to ensure adequate funding is appropriated for the program. Over \$15 million has been awarded to Fifth District fire departments since the program was established.

COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Easing the Way into Retirement

Most of us happily anticipate retirement. Even if we enjoy our jobs, it's likely we're looking forward to escaping workplace stresses and being able to instead have the free time to do the things we really enjoy.

But despite the fact that retirement can bring a number of positives, many people find the reality of retirement to be challenging and even frightening. Leaving that job usually brings not only financial changes, but also some very real lifestyle changes.

It usually means less contact, or totally losing touch, with those former colleagues you saw every day. You may feel like there's less purpose in your life, and you might experience a very real loss of identity once you're no longer being an accountant, or teacher, or whatever your occupation was.

Successful retirement certainly requires financial planning, but it also requires some planning for the lifestyle and psychological changes that will occur. And you want to do that planning prior to that retirement date.

A first step in pre-retirement planning is to look for ways to keep yourself busy and interested in retirement, rather than worrying you'll be bored or without purpose. Starting or going back to a hobby can be one way to stay active. You can also begin investigating social or volunteer groups that will provide opportunities to keep you active and involved.

In today's active economy you might want to consider not making retirement full-time. Many retirees find ways to continue to work part-time, whether in a paid position or as a volunteer. Schools, libraries, city governments, senior centers and civic groups are always in need of volunteers. Or you may find yourself sought out as a consultant based on your past work experience.

Continuing part-time in the workplace can add a sense of purpose and direction to your retirement years. And at least one study found that those who still work had fewer major illnesses and disabilities than those who quit working altogether.

For some retirees, a rocking chair on the back porch is fine, but for many of us there is a real need to stay active, involved and contributing. If you have retirement in your near future, or have recently retired and are feeling unsure about what your future may offer, consider talking to a professional counselor who can assist you in understanding your feelings and desires for a successful retirement.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Send comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.

Governor Hogan Marked 28th Anniversary of ADA With Announcement of New Center At University of Maryland

By PRESS OFFICER
Maryland Department of Disabilities

ANNAPOLIS, MD (July 30, 2018)—MDOD celebrated the 28th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) July 30 with a reception in Annapolis. Governor Hogan presented a proclamation honoring the 28th anniversary of the ADA and announced the new center, The Center for Transition and Career Innovation for Youth with Disabilities (CTCI), located in the University of Maryland College of Education. "The state of Maryland is poised to serve as a national leader in implementing solutions for youth with disabilities that help them achieve a better quality of life," Secretary Beatty said. "For students with disabilities, the transition from school to employment and adult life is a critical time period, which is why career preparation and transition services are a priority for ensuring that youth with disabilities achieve successful employment."

At the reception, advocates and business owners presented the mutual benefits of having an inclusive workforce. "EmployABILITY", a brief video encouraging hiring individuals with disabilities in the workforce, produced by Maryland Public Television (MPT) was presented.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES

Richard Luecking Co-director CTCI, Jennifer King Rice, Dean of UMD College of Education, Governor Hogan, Secretary Carol Beatty Maryland Department of Disabilities, and Marcella Franczkowski Asst. State Superintendent for Special Education and Early Intervention Services MSDE.

Dr. Sherry B. Perkins Named President and CEO of University of Maryland Capital Region Health

By PRESS OFFICER
University of Maryland Medical System

CHEVERLY, MD (August 9, 2018)—Sherry B. Perkins, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of University of Maryland Capital Region Health, effective immediately. Perkins is an accomplished clinician and hospital executive with a sharp focus on patient care, quality and safety.

In early 2018, the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) convened a search committee and engaged a national search firm to identify the next president and CEO of UM Capital Regional Health. The search committee's candidate review was centered around the goal of creating a thriving health care delivery system for Prince George's County, Southern Maryland and the surrounding region.

"I am extremely confident that Sherry Perkins is the right leader to drive continued positive change for UM Capital Region Health, its patients, staff, physician partners and community," says Robert A. Chrencik, president and chief executive officer of UMMS. "She recognizes the critically important role that this regional health system plays in delivering high quality care to Prince George's County and the surrounding area, and appreciates the significance of this transformative period during which we bring together community physicians and University of Maryland School of Medicine faculty experts to make a meaningful and positive impact on the health of patients and families."

Dr. Perkins has most recently served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of UM Capital Region Health, a role she began in 2016. During these two years, she has been a catalyst for collaborative clinical, workforce, operational and financial performance improvements.

"It is the greatest privilege of my career to lead University of Maryland Capital Region Health into a very bright future as we address the health care needs of Prince George's County and the surrounding region, both inside and outside the walls of our facilities," says Dr. Perkins. "This role embodies the elements of hospital leadership and medicine that drive my passion to work with patients, families, and the people who take care of them. Safety, quality, patient experience, and clinical excellence—delivered through a strong collaboration between community and faculty physicians, nurses, and every member of our team from the front doors of our practices to the patient floor—are what will make the difference in the near and long term."

Prior to her joining UM Capital Region Health, she held executive leadership roles with the Anne Arundel Health System. From 1991–2006, Dr. Perkins had an earlier track record of success as a clinical leader with

the University of Maryland Medical System, having held roles of increasing responsibility at the University of Maryland Medical Center, where she ultimately served as Vice President for Patient Care Service and Clinical Effectiveness.



PHOTOGRAPH COURTESY OF UMMS

**Sherry B. Perkins,
PhD, RN, FAAN**

"Dr. Perkins brings the right balance of experience in patient care and community health to successfully lead UM Capital Region Health going forward," said University of Maryland School of Medicine Dean E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, who also served on the search committee. "We are eager to continue the clinical partnership that we have launched with UM Capital Region Health, and to now enhance this partnership into areas of advanced specialty care and academic training, in order to provide the best possible care to patients in the region," added Dr. Reece, who is also Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs, UM Baltimore, the John Z. and Akiko K. Bowers Distinguished Professor.

Dr. Perkins earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Baylor University, a Master of Science in Nursing from Texas Woman's University, and a PhD in Nursing from the University of Kansas. She also completed the Johnson & Johnson Wharton Fellows Program in Management at the University of Pennsylvania.

A Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and an adjunct faculty member of the University of Maryland School of Nursing since 1992, Dr. Perkins holds several appointments including the Maryland Hospital Association Executive Committee, the Maryland Hospital Association Council on Clinical and Quality Issues, the Maryland Patient Safety Center Board of Directors, and Institute for Patient- and Family-Centered Care. She has been honored by the YWCA, Maryland Nursing Association, and Nursing Spectrum for leadership among women and the nursing profession. Dr. Perkins becomes one of 10 female CEOs serving Maryland's 46 acute care hospitals. She is the recipient of more than 12 research grants on clinical topics, and has shared her expertise in nearly 120 professional publications and presentations.

"Dr. Perkins is an exceptional leader and I could not be more pleased with her appointment as President and CEO of UM Capital Region Health," said Bijan Bahmanyar, MD, President, UM Prince George's Hospital Center Medical Staff. "I commend her for efforts to prioritize a collaborative approach with medical staff to enhance patient care. I am committed to working with Dr. Perkins to accomplish great success."

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Providing primary and specialty health care services to Prince George's County and the neighboring area, University of Maryland Capital Region Health was established in September 2017 upon formal affiliation with the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS), and is committed to making a positive impact on the health and well-being of patients and families. University of Maryland Capital Region Health operates the University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, University of Maryland Laurel Regional Hospital, University of Maryland Bowie Health Campus, and the University of Maryland Family Health & Wellness Center in Suitland. Together, community physicians and University of Maryland School of Medicine (SOM) faculty provide clinical expertise across a range of specialties and programs including: acute rehabilitation; anesthesiology; critical and chronic ventilation care; emergency medicine; neonatology (including the County's highest level NICU); orthopaedics; vascular surgery; a certified and designated primary stroke center; and the State's second-busiest Trauma Center. University of Maryland School of Medicine faculty also lead the highly-regarded cardiac surgery program at UM Prince George's Hospital Center. A new state-of-the-art regional medical center is expected to open in Largo in 2021. Visit www.umcapitalregion.org

PG Co Firefighter and Detailer Shares Experiences from Air Force One Detailing Project—Lunches With WWII Bomber Widow!

By KIMBERLY BALLARD
Shine Right Detailing

HUNTINGTOWN, MD (August 20, 2018)—It isn't a job for anyone afraid of heights, ladders, harnesses, and hanging out of a bucket lift 40 feet up in the air—but those are the job requirements for members of the 15th Anniversary Air Force One Detailing Team members! Prince George's County firefighter and Huntingtown detailer Josh Buckler of Shine Right Detailing is back from Seattle's Museum of Flight where he was chosen as a new member of the Air Force One Detailing Team tasked with polishing the first presidential jet Air Force One and more than a dozen additional aircraft treasures on exhibit at the museum's new Airpark Pavilion.

In addition to polishing the paint and applying a paint sealant on the historic jet, Buckler also cut and polished the bright work (aluminum) on a

WWII B-29 Super Fortress, and polished paint on a Boeing 787 ZA003 Dreamliner—both popular attractions in the Museum's new Airpark Pavilion.

Josh and the team ate lunch with Marlene Houtchens, the widow of WWII B-29 pilot Lowell Houtchens, who was stationed on the island of Tinian with Enola Gay pilot Paul Tibbets, when he dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

"Marlene is an amazing lady who also worked for Boeing for 29 years and has supported the Museum's care and maintenance of the B-29 for over 20 years," says Buckler. "I am deeply honored to be among those continuing her legacy as the caretaker of this amazing airplane."

Buckler also wants to share the importance and relevance of this type of work with Maryland and DC-area car and truck owners. "For anyone who wonders how cleaning, polishing, and applying protective products to



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an airplane relates to maintaining your vehicle or other motorized assets, it helps sharpen my expertise as a paint correction specialist," says Buckler. "In our climate, it is imperative I have an in-depth understanding of paint and bright work (metals), the application of ceramic coating products, and the care of all types of interiors."

"Different types of paint surfaces, as well as materials like metal, canvas, and even fiberglass boat surfaces, all respond differently to the surrounding

environment, climate, the products you use, and the techniques you employ. Your vehicle is an investment and it should always be treated as if it were your museum asset!"

Buckler is trained and certified by the International Detailing Association (IDA) and by Doyle's Detailing Success. He is a successful detailing business owner in Huntingtown and a firefighter in Prince George's County, but he attended the prestigious detailing event on a voluntary, pro bono basis.

COMMENTARY

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

Music and the Movement: The Lasting Legacy of the Queen of Soul

"Aretha helped define the American experience. In her voice, we could feel our history, all of it and in every shade—our power and our pain, our darkness and our light, our quest for redemption and our hard-won respect. She helped us feel more connected to each other, more hopeful, more human. And sometimes she helped us just forget about everything else and dance."

—Statement from President and Mrs. Obama on the Passing of Aretha Franklin, August 16, 2018

If you could choose one artist to embody the African-American experience of the 20th century, it would have to be the incomparable Miss Aretha Franklin.

In exchange for her prodigious talent, the American audience gave Franklin 20 No. 1 R&B hits and 17 Top 10 Pop singles. She won 18 Grammy Awards and was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award. She was the first woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the National Medal of Arts and the Kennedy Center Honors. And while Americans are well-known for their anti-aristocratic strain, she was universally crowned and internationally known and revered as the Queen of Soul.

But Franklin was more than the sum of awards she amassed over her six decades-long career. Her voice, sweeter than honey, became the soundtrack of a tumultuous time in American history when African Americans, women and other marginalized communities were fighting for equality and justice. Her music demanded R-E-S-P-E-C-T when far too little of it was being shown to women and people of color for far too long.

The song, "Respect," was a minor hit for Otis Redding. According to an autobiographer, once Franklin "deconstructed and reconstructed" it, this two-minute and 30-second long song became her signature, forcing Redding to later admit that, "The girl has taken that song from me." Recorded on Valentine's Day in 1967, what was originally Redding's demand to an unfaithful lover transformed into a soul anthem for social justice. It was an anchor in the constant ebb and flow of achievements and setbacks—a touchstone that intersected any and all movements, bridging any perceived divides.

Explaining why "Respect" resonated with so many seemingly disparate groups of people, Franklin wrote in her autobiography that, "It was the need of the nation, the need of the average man and woman in the street, the businessman,

the mother, the fireman, the teacher—everyone wanted respect."

Using her craft to create change was likely inherited. Aretha Louise Franklin was the daughter of Barbara Siggers Franklin, a celebrated gospel singer and pianist, and C. L. Franklin, a gifted pastor with a radio broadcast who was popularly known as "the man with the million-dollar voice." She was raised by her father, a man who preached Black pride and befriended Martin Luther King Jr. The Franklin household was filled with two things: music and politics, and all these influences found their way into Franklin's art and advocacy.

Franklin was a familiar and comfortable with the movement for civil rights as she was with keys on a piano. She performed at rallies for Dr. King in an effort to fundraise for the movement. Later, she would also sing at his funeral, performing "Precious Lord," a song Dr. King asked Franklin to perform on countless occasions before his assassination. Like her father, her voice became central in the civil rights movements, with many adding "Respect" and her 1968 hit "Think" to the canon of pivotal protest anthems.

Franklin's presence and popularity were not limited to the 60s or 70s. Whether she was warning freshmen that college was a different world than where they came from, feeling like a "Natural Woman," riding on the "Freeway of Love," or performing a stirring rendition of "My Country Tis of Thee" during Barack Obama's 2009 inauguration, multiple generations have its version of Franklin to celebrate and rediscover.

Born in Memphis and raised in Detroit, where she will be laid to rest, Franklin ultimately became an American treasure. Today, heaven may have the Queen of Soul, but forever, forever and ever she—and her music—will stay in our hearts.

Speed Cameras from A1

plementation of the work zone camera systems by the Maryland State Police and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA). "Between 2010 and 2016, work zone fatalities averaged 6.6 per year in Maryland, a reduction of about 45% from the seven-year average of 11.9 fatalities per year from 2003 through 2009," explains the Department of Legislative Services. "On average, more than 700 people nationwide lose their lives annually in work zone crashes," cautions the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Between 198,811 and 212,250 drivers travel through the Capital Beltway work zone each day. You can bet there is little sympathy for the "crocodile tears" of the ticketed motorists. Especially from the 75.6 million motorists who obeyed the posted speed limit in the work zone on the Outer and Inner Loops during the past 12 months. After all, there is no excuse for putting highway construction workers or others in harm's way or for ignoring work zone warning signs, speed reduction signage, dynamic speed display (DSD) signs or radar signs alerting drivers of their speed, and the other telltale signs, such as orange cones and traffic drums.

For heaven's sake, who could miss the sport-utility vehicles with speed cameras mounted on the front bumper? Clue: when present, the "mobile ASE units," sport-utility vehicles with the SafeZones logo, are usually parked behind a Jersey wall and in front of portable toilets. Those initials stand for "Automated Speed Enforcement" systems. The Capital Beltway dual bridge replacement project will take two more years. For safety's sake, Maryland deployed the speed camera units in the Capital Beltway work zone last July.

Marion Wright Edelman

President, Children's Defense Fund



ChildWatch:

Children on the Front Lines

"I can make a difference!"

Every July thousands of students from Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools® sites across the country participate in the CDF Freedom Schools National Day of Social Action. This year's action focused on the need to vote for children and the fact that every vote matters. Though children and teenagers in Freedom Schools are too young to vote themselves, they held rallies and marches urging adults to get registered and vote for leaders this election cycle and in every election who will stand for children. Young people are refusing to sit on the sidelines as they see even children's most basic needs under assault by many in the Administration and Congress.

I am so proud of the Freedom Schools scholars who have learned they are following in the footsteps of children and youths who were the foot soldiers and infantry of the Civil Rights Movement. Some of their stories from the Movement are well known: six-year-old Ruby Bridges in New Orleans walked through White mobs to attend school—even praying for those jeering at her; the Little Rock Nine; the four little girls killed in the bombing of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church. Thousands of children were on the front lines of history. Whether sung or unsung heroes we owe all of them a debt of gratitude.

For example, in April 1951, Black students at Robert Russa Moton High School in Prince Edward County, Virginia—led by 16-year-old Barbara Rose Johns—walked out of class to protest conditions at their segregated school. Moton was built for 180 students but had 450. Some classes were held in old farm buildings. Students lacked all the

basics such as science labs, a gym, or a cafeteria found at all-White Farmville High, just a few blocks away. When Barbara Johns complained how unfair this was a teacher told her she should do something about it. She did, leading her fellow students in a strike. As she later said, "It was time that Negroes were treated equally with Whites, time that they had a decent school, time for the students themselves to do something about it. There wasn't any fear. I just thought—this is your moment. Seize it!" That strike was a critical push in the start of America's desegregation movement.

The Moton students' demonstrations resulted in a court case ultimately bundled with four others before the U.S. Supreme Court as *Brown v. Board of Education*. The Brown case was named for lead plaintiff Oliver Brown, whose nine-year-old daughter Linda in 1950 was barred from attending all-White Sumner Elementary School near their Topeka, Kansas home with her White neighborhood playmates, and instead forced to enroll in an all-Black school miles away. The landmark victory in *Brown* overturned the "separate but equal" doctrine established under *Plessy v. Ferguson*. Years later Linda Brown, who died in March of this year, engaged as a parent in a follow up suit in Topeka because the city's schools were still not fully integrated. She knew her case had sparked transforming change in our nation but real change is slow.

For children in Prince Edward County, the *Brown* victory was shamefully delayed. The county eventually took Virginia's policy of "massive resistance" to school desegregation to its full extreme. In 1959 it closed its entire public school system and created private

schools to educate the county's White children using tuition grants from the state and tax credits from the county. No provision was made for educating the county's Black children, forcing them to move in with relatives in nearby communities or study in makeshift schools in church basements. Prince Edward public schools remained closed for five years while legal challenges bounced between courts, and about 1,700 Black and lower-income White students struggled to find schooling elsewhere or stayed home. It took another U.S. Supreme Court ruling to force Prince Edward's schools to finally reopen.

Remembering these past struggles and the price of progress to get non-White children an equal education makes recent threats and actions by the Trump Administration simply evil—as they seek to halt or reverse course on civil rights, education and juvenile justice protections; school desegregation; housing discrimination; and affirmative action. On July 3rd, as one most recent example, the Department of Justice announced it was repealing 24 federal guidance documents that all sought to clarify basic federal civil rights protections for children, older youths and young adults and the Department of Education announced it would delay for two years a requirement that states identify and address racial disparities in special education, including disparities in the ways children of color are disciplined. What a mean unjust slap in the face of our most vulnerable children.

We must continue to support and praise the action by today's children and youths standing up against injustice, gun violence, child poverty, and unequal education and let them know we stand with them, are determined not to go backwards, and will step forward with them on the front lines seeking justice.

Social Security Matters:

Ask Rusty:

When You're Known by Your Middle Name

By AMAC CERTIFIED SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISOR RUSSELL GLOOR
Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: For those of us who use our middle name as the name we are known by (and there are many famous persons who are), why does the Social Security Administration mandate the use of the first name when applying for benefits? Is there any way to change this now that I am receiving benefits? Can younger persons make the change before they become eligible? *Signed: Middle is Main*

Dear Middle: You are correct that Social Security only allows for use of your "legal name" for identifying beneficiaries and it does not consider your middle name, or a familiar nickname, to be the same as your legal name. Even though your middle name may appear on your Social Security card, your "legal name" for Social Security purposes is considered to be your first name and last name (surname) as shown on your U.S.

birth certificate, probably reported to and established with the Social Security Administration when you were a young child. That you have chosen to be familiarly known instead by your middle name is not something Social Security is, or needs to be, aware of. That being said, it is possible for you to change your legal name for Social Security purposes to a different name which you now are known by, and which was legally changed by court-order and can be substantiated by legal documentation (including a marriage). This is mainly an issue of establishing and maintaining proper identification for accurate recording of a person's lifetime earnings, which in turn translates to the amount of Social Security benefit each person is entitled to. In short, it's to make sure that all of your lifetime earnings are accurately credited to you and that your Social Security benefits are ac-

curately calculated and paid to the right person, all of which is done via your Social Security Number and the legal name associated with it. The only way to change this—change the name associated with your Social Security Number—is to use the legal process to formally and legally change your name, in your case to your middle name by which you are familiarly called. After you do that, you can change the name associated with your Social Security Number to the new court ordered legal name which would then appear on a new Social Security card which you can order from the Social Security Administration. This can be done whether you are already collecting benefits or have yet to start but, after all is said and done, your benefits will still be electronically deposited in the same bank account you have already designated to receive your monthly benefit payments.

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Party Like An Animal At Zoo Bop!

Featuring Latin Grammy Award Winner 123 Andrés!

By PRESS OFFICER
The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

BALTIMORE, MD—Hop like a Panamanian golden frog, swing like a colobus monkey and prance like an addra gazelle to the family friendly beats and activities of Zoo Bop at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore on Saturday, September 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Geared toward younger cubs, families can dance, sing and join in the live-performance ex-zoo-berance of Angelo and Marie's Fantastic Bubble Show, Baby Beats! with Max and Root, and 123 Andrés.

At 10:30, get blown away by the Baltimore-based Angelo and Marie's Fantastic Bubble Show, where the duo creates a truly unique liquid art show, followed by Baby Beats! with Max and Root—a live music and movement program for children! Max Bent and Jamaal "Black Root" Collier are both human beat-boxers trained in the field of arts integration. After participating in training for early education offered by Wolf Trap, Max and Root began applying their musical abilities to writing content geared towards the curious and active minds of the younger crowd. Baby Beats! was born at Remington's Single Carrot Theatre in Baltimore.

Bop 'til you drop with returning Zoo Bop per-

former Andrés Salguero, better known as 123 Andrés. Popular in U.S. and Latin American family music scenes, 123 Andrés has released three albums—most recently *La Luna*. A native of Bogotá, Columbia, Andrés brings to audiences joyful sounds, passion for bilingualism and a high-energy love of music that gets kids singing and dancing in Spanish and English. His album "Arriba Abajo", won the Latin Grammy for best children's album in 2016 as well as the Parent's Choice Gold Award. His debut album "¡Uno, Dos, Tres Andrés en español y en inglés!" was a 2015 Latin Grammy Nominee for Best Children's Album.

Zoo Bop tickets are \$9 for adult members, \$5 for child members, \$25 for non-Zoo member adults and \$19 per non-member child. Children under 2 are always free. All tickets include admission to the Zoo on show day, kid-friendly activities and vendors. Tickets are on sale now at www.marylandzoo.org.



Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is the third oldest zoo in the United States and is internationally known for its contributions in conservation and research. More than 1,500 animals are represented in the Zoo's varied natural habitat ex-

hibits in areas such as the award-winning Penguin Coast, Polar Bear Watch, the Maryland Wilderness, African Journey and the Children's Zoo. Situated in Druid Hill Park near downtown Baltimore, the Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums.



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ERIC D. SNIDER'S IN THE DARK Movie Review

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

Mamma Mia!
Here We Go Again
Grade: B-
Rated PG-13,
some innuendo and such
1 hr., 54 min

Mamma Mia! was a badly written headache based on a badly written live musical, adapted for the screen by the same people who had staged it on Broadway, who leaned on the show's built-in fanbase like a crutch. (No reason to improve something that's already popular, right?) The sequel, being based on nothing, has to try harder. As a result, it's more humble and unassuming—pleasantly dumb in the manner of classic corny musicals, but not (unlike its predecessor) aggravatingly stupid. What a difference a good script makes!

The action in *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again* picks up five years later. Free-spirited Donna (Meryl Streep) has died, and her daughter, Sophie (Amanda Seyfried), is about to reopen their quaint hotel on the tiny Greek island, working with suave hotel manager Señor Cienfuegos (a smoldering Andy Garcia). Sophie's husband, Sky (Dominic Cooper), in New York on business, is gently pressuring Sophie to leave the island and be a normal person. The grand open-

ing is in a couple days, so Sky's timing is poor, to say the least.

Since this isn't very interesting, the movie offers a second thread: the story of how Donna came to be pregnant with Sophie without knowing who the father was, the prequel to the first movie. In 1979, young Donna (Lily James, occasionally affecting Streepian mannerisms) graduates from Oxford and goes wandering the Mediterranean. She first meets skinny, nervous Harry (Hugh Skinner), who will grow up to be Colin Firth; then it's Bill (Josh Dylan), a blond Swede with a boat who will one day be Stellan Skarsgard; and finally Sam (Jeremy Irvine), a nondescript napkin of a guy whose English accent gets much, much stronger on his way to becoming Pierce Brosnan.

The film, written and directed by Ol Parker (*Imagine Me & You*) with story input from rom-com stalwart Richard Curtis (*Notting Hill*, *Love Actually*, etc.) and *Mamma Mia!* writer Catherine Johnson, hops back and forth between timelines, which keeps the action lively. Parker stages the musical numbers like live theater pieces, and the performances are likewise big and theatrical. The first film didn't capture the energy of a live show, but the sequel



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As the film goes back and forth in time to show how relationships forged in the past resonate in the present, Lily James plays the role of Young Donna. Filling the roles of Young Rosie and Young Tanya are Alexa Davies (*A Brilliant Young Mind*) and Jessica Keenan Wynn (*Broadway's Beautiful*).

(which isn't even based on a live show) does. The plot is silly, the dialogue laden with exposition—but at least the characters aren't all morons with inconsistent personalities.

Having used most of ABBA's best-known songs in the first movie (whether they fit the story or not), the sequel is free to choose less-familiar numbers and create a context for them that works. I didn't recognize most of the tunes, but they giped with the plot and characters better than last time. Again, it's the difference between making an effort and merely relying on familiarity.

The late Donna's best friends, Tanya (Christine Baranski) and Rosie (Julie Walters), are a funny supporting duo, as are the young versions of them (Jessica Keenan Wynn and Alexa Davies). Cher shows up eventually as Sophie's grandmother—that would be Meryl Streep's mother—which is technically a spoiler (the

movie's three-quarters over when she arrives) but is also the marketing department's main selling point, so I don't mind telling you it's basically a cameo. And even though you'll already have guessed what connection she has with someone on the island, the song she sings at that moment is a wonderfully cheesy joke.

Basically, *Here We Go Again* is everything the first film tried and failed to be: light and fun, high-energy but not hyperactive, frivolous but not moronic. It has a scrappy, sincere community-theater vibe that, if maintained, will make the inevitable *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again 3* something to be anticipated rather than dreaded.

(NOTE: We're told here that Sophie was born in 1980. She was 20 in the first film, which therefore must have taken place in 2000. The sequel is thus set in 2005, but an alternate version of 2005 where everybody has iPhones.)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



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Surratt House Museum is open to the public mid-January through mid-December. Walk-in tours are available with costumed guide on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon–4 p.m. Weekday group tours for 10 or more are available by appointment by calling 301-868-1121. Surratt House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Admission is \$5 per adult, \$4 for Seniors (age 60+), \$4 for groups of 10+ adults, \$2 for students ages 5–18, and free to children under 5.

Surratt House Museum: 9118 Brandywine Road Clinton, MD
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Date and Time: September 16, 2018, 12 noon–3 p.m.

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ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Calendar of Events

August 30–September 5, 2018

Maryland Renaissance Festival

Date and Time: Saturdays, Sundays and Labor Day, August 25–October 21, 2018, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Description: Back for its 42nd year, the second largest Renaissance Festival in the country immerses visitors in the culture of Revel Grove, a 16th-century English village, complete with King Henry VIII and his court. Featuring more than 250 performers on ten stages—jugglers, magicians, musicians, comedians and artists thrill audiences at every turn. 130 craft shops, 42 food and beverage emporiums and a host of games and attractions give festival goers every opportunity to celebrate as in the courts of old. A major highlight is watching chivalrous knights bring Maryland's official sport to life in a 3,000-seat jousting arena.
Cost: Adults \$19, Seniors (62+) \$17, Kids 7–15 \$8, Kids under 7 are FREE. **Note: Prices go up after September 9!**
Location: 1821 Crownsville Road, Crownsville, MD
Contact: 800-296-7304, marylandrenaissancefestival.com

Crafternoon: Paint the Music

Date and Time: August 31, 2018, starting at 2 p.m.
Description: Find your inner Picasso and paint to music. Express yourself through art!
Cost: FREE
Ages: 5–12
Location: PGCMLS, Oxon Hill Branch
6200 Oxon Hill Rd., Oxon Hill, MD 20745
Contact: 301-839-2400

Xtreme Teens: Kick Off Cookout

Date and Time: August 31, 2018, 7 p.m.–10 p.m.
Description: Kick off your Labor Day with a cookout hosted by yours truly! We plan to serve all of your favorite cookout foods like hamburgers, and hot dogs, with all the fixings! Leave the cooking to us and enjoy great food while it lasts. If you have food allergies, please notify our teen director prior to participation.
Cost: FREE! with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Beltsville Community Center
3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705
Contact: 301-937-6613; TTY 301-699-2544

Tail Waggin' Tutors

Date and Time: Saturday, September 1, 2018, 3 p.m.
Description: Build your child's confidence as they read to specially trained therapy dogs. Bring a book or choose one from the library. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Call the branch or visit to register.
Cost: FREE
Ages: 5–12
Location: PGCMLS, Bowie Branch, 15210 Annapolis Rd., Bowie, MD 20715
Contact: 301-262-7000

Surratt House Museum Labor Day Estate Sale

Date and Time: September 1 and September 2, 2018, 12 Noon–4:00 p.m.
Description: Furniture, decorations, fabric, clothing, trunks and more! All priced to sell. Come to the Surratt Museum for this limited time sale. All proceeds to benefit the preservation and programs of the Surratt House Museum. All sales are final and please come prepared to transport your new items home with you. See if your hidden treasure is waiting to be found!
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Surratt House Museum James O. Hall Research Ctr, 9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, MD 20735
Contact: 301-868-1121

CrossFit at the Zoo!

Date and Time: September 2, 2018, 8 a.m.–10 a.m.
Description: CrossFit at the Zoo is a 60-minute, fully-guided class designed for all fitness levels. Warm-up at Penguin Coast with views of flowing water and swimming penguins, followed by cardio and bodyweight-movement stations set up throughout *African Journey*. After a cool-down with the penguins, meet one of the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors. Do burpees by the flamingos, push-ups by the African crested porcupines and lunges by the Amur leopard. In between sets, find inspiration from the cheetahs and run! **Preregistration is required**—visit www.marylandzoo.org to purchase tickets.
Cost: \$20 per session, which includes admission to the Zoo on the day of class. Zoo Members get a \$10 discount at checkout
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
One Safari Place, Baltimore, MD 21217
Contact: www.marylandzoo.org

Teen Game Night

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
Description: Come play board games at the library! Bring one of your own, or play one of ours.
Cost: FREE
Ages: 13–18
Location: PGCMLS, Largo-Kettering, 9601 Capital Lane, Largo, MD 20774
Contact: (301) 336-4044

STEM for Families: Roller Coaster Physics

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 4 p.m.
Description: Join us as we explore science, technology, engineering and math. Drop in for hands-on experiments and activities. Explore the world of roller coasters using physics and design a roller coaster.
Cost: FREE
Ages: 5–12
Location: PGCMLS, Beltsville Branch, 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705
Contact: 301-937-0294

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL FEATURES

Friday Night Lights: PG13 Web Series Returns for Third Season

Athletics, Academics Share Stage in Weekly Prince George's County HS Football Series

By OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
Prince George's County Public Schools

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (August 7, 2018)—Viewers will take an exclusive look inside Prince George's County high school locker rooms and classrooms when innovative web series *PG13* returns for a third season this fall.

A joint venture between Prince George's County Public Schools and Visionary Media

Productions, *PG13* showcases scholar-athletes, coaches, educators, administrators, families and school communities in 13 episodes, starting with preseason preparations and ending with the playoffs.

Each episode portrays multi-dimensional stories, shot in a cinematic style, in four- to seven-minute story arcs. Last

season featured such storylines as Wise High School's run towards another undefeated season, Bladensburg's grassroots efforts to grow its team and Eleanor Roosevelt's tradition of excellence on and off the field.

"*PG13* shows academics and athletics on the same stage each week," said Earl Hawkins, Athletics Director. "Our scholar-athletes and coaches have a unique opportunity to take their stories to fans, classmates and recruiters on the tools they use most—social media and mobile devices. We look forward to another great year of storytelling through *PG13*."

This season, *PG13* will include post-episode "talkbacks"

as well. Last school year, *PG13* received more than 100,000 page views on PGCPSS digital platforms, providing a hefty boost to the school system's social engagement efforts. The series was also featured on The Butch McAdams Show (WOL-AM 1450).

Filming for the third season begins this month, with the premiere episode to air on Sept. 10. Episodes air weekly on all PGCPSS digital platforms (Facebook, YouTube, pgcps.org, PGCPSS-TV). Updates and additional content will also be posted on Twitter and Instagram (@PGCPSS, @visionarymediapro).

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Students Find Career Options at BGE

By PRESS OFFICER
BGE

BALTIMORE, MD (August 23, 2018)—As students across central Maryland head back to school, BGE reminds customers of the company's commitment to education, specifically in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), workforce development and scholarships for higher education. In addition to its own programs, BGE also supports nonprofit partners with education-focused initiatives.

"BGE's focus on educating young people about careers in the energy industry is one of the ways we hold true to our purpose of powering a cleaner and brighter

future for our customers and communities," said Denise Galambos, vice president of human resources for BGE. "Specifically, students who pursue careers in STEM will find innovative and challenging opportunities awaiting them in the energy industry, and we want to ensure that they consider BGE as a preferred potential employer."

Since 2016, more than 400 students have participated in BGE's Smart Energy Workforce Development program. The students, from Carver Vocational Technical, Edmondson-Westside and Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School (Mervo) high schools and Green Street Academy, gain hands-on experience in their chosen fields of study, including automotive technology, pre-engineering,

construction and computer-aided design (CAD). This year, 43 high school students successfully completed the internship program. Three past participants have been hired as full-time employees by BGE following their graduation from high school. An additional ten hires are anticipated for the fall.

In 2017, BGE introduced its Bright Ideas grant program which provides up to \$500 for school teachers for STEM enrichment activities. To date, 54 teachers have been awarded a total of \$25,000.

Also in 2017, BGE launched the BGE Scholars Program which provides up to \$5,000 in annual scholarships to college students over four years. Most of the scholarship recipients are studying STEM-related fields. In 2018, the BGE Scholars Program was renamed the BGE Frank Heintz Scholarship fund, in memory of former BGE CEO Frank Heintz, who was also a

teacher in the Baltimore City School system.

Exelon, BGE's parent company, also remains committed to supporting investment in STEM education. In 2017, Exelon contributed more than \$10 million to education programs and initiatives; awarded nearly 20 percent of its contributions to fields related to education and academic enrichment; and celebrated the 12-year anniversary of the "Stay in School" initiative which has helped keep more than 27,000 students on track to graduate. As part of ongoing efforts to empower young women and advance gender equality, this year the Exelon Foundation, with the UN Women HeForShe initiative, launched the STEM Innovation Leadership Academy for teen girls in Chicago and Washington, D.C., with plans to expand to additional cities where the company operates.

Earth TALK™ Seasteading Concept Gets "Off the Ground" in French Polynesia

Dear EarthTalk: What are the environmental benefits of so-called "seasteading" as opposed to building more housing and communities on land?

— Marge Weston, Camden, NJ

We've all heard of homesteading, establishing homes from scratch with a commitment to self-sufficiency, including growing and preserving one's own food, setting up your own sources of power/electricity and even making one's own clothing and supplies. While Americans typically associate homesteading with conquering the western "frontier" during the 19th century—or perhaps with moving to the Alaskan "bush" and building a life out of the wilderness there—a new breed of homesteaders is looking to the sea.

"Seasteaders" as they're called are a small but committed group of proponents well on their way to planning the next human com-

munities far from the land itself. These autonomous floating communities could be built on modified cruise ships, retrofitted deep sea oil rigs, decommissioned anti-aircraft platforms or custom-built floating islands, among other possibilities. Baked into the concept is the need to innovate new ways of meeting basic human needs. Another common thread among seasteaders is living beyond the reach of sovereign governments bent on regulating and controlling the activities of their citizens in ways that do not necessarily consider the health and well-being of humanity or the planet.

"Seasteaders bring a startup sensibility to the problem of government monopolies that don't innovate sufficiently," reports the Seasteading Institute, a non-profit founded in 2008 by activist Patri Friedman, software engineer Wayne Gramlich and entrepreneur (and PayPal co-founder) Peter Thiel. "Obsolete political systems conceived in previous centuries are ill-equipped to unleash the enormous opportunities in twenty-first century innovation."

Seasteads can be governed and managed in different ways depending on the desires of the individual founders or the laws of countries associated with it. Some might be set up based around a collectivist "universal basic income" while others might prefer free market solutions. Meanwhile, one seastead might be governed by direct democracy while another might entrust public policy to technocrats, while still another might use consumer-choice-based services—or anything in-between and beyond.

In January of 2017, the Seasteading Institute signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with French Polynesia, an "over-seas collectivity" of 118 geographically dispersed islands and atolls stretching across 1,200 miles in the South Pacific, to create the first semi-autonomous "seazone"—dubbed the Floating City Project—to develop a prototype seasteading community. While there is some debate whether the MOU is legally binding, seasteading proponents are still pursuing the project, which is partially financed by a crowdfunding campaign launched in May 2018 on the Indiegogo website. To date, nearly 300 backers have chipped in upwards of \$27,000 to help get this initial seasteading project "off the ground."

Seasteading remains intriguing to many as one of the planet's few remaining alternative social systems. "The world needs a place where those who wish to experiment with building new societies can go to test out their ideas," concludes the Seasteading Institute. "All land on Earth is already claimed, making the oceans humanity's next frontier."

CONTACTS: Seasteading Institute, www.seasteading.org; Indiegogo "Designing the World's First Floating City" Campaign, <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/designing-the-world-s-first-floating-city/#/>.

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World Food Day Poetry Competition

Calling all poets in Washington, D.C. and surrounding Counties! In recognition of World Food Day on October 16, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' Liaison Office for North America, in conjunction with the Poetry X Hunger initiative, is inviting submissions of poetry that focuses on taking urgent action to eliminate global hunger and malnutrition. Held every year on October 16, this year's World Food Day will focus on the theme: "Our Actions Are Our Future: A Zero Hunger World by 2030 is Possible."

First prize is \$1,000, plus readings. There is no entry fee. **Submission deadline is Sept. 9, 2018.** For submission guidelines, visit the Poetry X Hunger Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/Poetry-X-Hunger>. Email questions about the competition to poetryxhunger@gmail.com.

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Centennial Birthday Party August 31-September 1

By PRESS OFFICER
Maryland Department of the Environment

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Be a part of Anacostia Park history during the two-day centennial birthday bash on August 31 and September 1, 2018 at the Anacostia Park Skating Pavilion, 1500 Anacostia Drive SE, Washington, DC.



Join us as we celebrate the 100th year of Anacostia Park, with a summer concert on the lawn on Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., and all day fun in the park on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Enjoy early morning group fitness classes, fishing lessons with a competition for the biggest fish caught, live music, a disco skating party, scavenger hunts and much more at the Anacostia Park Two-Day Birthday Bash!

Friday August, 31 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Reminisce on Summer in the Parks during its 50th anniversary with an evening concert on the lawn featuring Go Go stars and headliner Chuck Brown Band. Enjoy music from opening acts Trouble Funk and Reminisce All Stars as the night is hosted by DJ EZ Street.

Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

9:30-10:30 a.m.: Yoga in the Park—Relax and be at peace during morning yoga lessons near the river.

10 a.m.-12 p.m.: River Rides—Enjoy boat tours that teach you the history and ecology of Anacostia Park and River.

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Tales and Trails—Join a ranger-led bike tour and learn the entire history of the park from the prehistoric era to present day.

12-5 p.m.: Happy Birthday Anacostia Park—Enjoy family fun activities in the park including painting murals, live raptors, catch and release fishing lessons with a competition for biggest fish caught, photobooth stations, arts and crafts, bike repair pop up shop, photo exhibits, roller skating performances and much more!

5-8 p.m.: Disco Skate Party—Celebrate the centennial at a disco-themed party. Enjoy performances from skating groups, eat cake and sing happy birthday.

Come to the river during the last days of summer and celebrate 100 years of preserving green spaces along the Anacostia River during the Year of the Anacostia!

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